

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle, the method comprising:
 - 5 receiving radio station information;
 - detecting an initiation command received from a user interface; and
 - providing the radio station information to the telematics unit responsive to the detected initiation command.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising
receiving a communication command; and
initiating a wireless communication via the telematics unit responsive to the received communication command.
- 15 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
determining if the initiated wireless communication is connected;
initiating wireless voice communication from a user interface when the initiated wireless communication is connected;
terminating the wireless communication when the initiated wireless
20 communication is not connected; and
reinitializing the terminated wireless communication via the telematics unit responsive to the received communication command.
- 25 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising
initiating a wireless communication via the telematics unit responsive to the detected initiation command.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the radio station information is selected from the group consisting of: radio station identification, radio station telephone number, one or more radio station messages, alert data such as traffic
5 hotline reports, government emergency alerts, weather alerts, sports scores and stock quotes;

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the radio station information is broadcast on a sub-carrier band.
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7. The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface is a voice activated user interface.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface is manually
15 operable push button user interface.

9. A computer readable medium for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle, comprising:
computer readable code for sensing received radio station
20 information;
computer readable code for detecting an initiation command received from a user interface; and
computer readable code for providing the radio station information to the telematics unit responsive to the detected initiation command.
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10. The computer readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:
computer readable code for initiating a wireless communication via
the telematics unit responsive to a received communication command.

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11. The computer readable medium of claim 10, further comprising:
computer readable code for determining if the initiated wireless
communication is connected;
computer readable code for initiating wireless voice communication
10 from a user interface when the initiated wireless communication is connected;
computer readable code for terminating the wireless
communication when the initiated wireless communication is not connected; and
computer readable code for reinitializing the terminated wireless
communication via the telematics unit responsive to the received communication
15 command.

12. The computer readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:
computer readable code for initiating a wireless communication via
the telematics unit responsive to the detected initiation command.

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13. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the radio
station information is selected from the group consisting of: radio station
identification, radio station telephone number, one or more radio station
messages, alert data such as traffic hotline reports, government emergency
25 alerts, weather alerts, sports scores and stock quotes;

14. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the radio
station information is broadcast on a sub-carrier band.

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15. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the user interface is a voice activated user interface.

5 16. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the user interface is manually operable push button user interface.

17. A system for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle, the system comprising:

10 means for receiving radio station information;

 means for detecting an initiation command received from a user interface; and

 means for providing the radio station information to the telematics unit responsive to the detected initiation command.

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